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### North Beach welcomes the 32nd Annual Miami Beach Festival of the Arts

The Miami Beach Coldwell Banker Festival of the Arts 2006 will be held February 11 and 12 at Ocean Terrace (east of Collins from 73 to 75 streets). The annual arts festival is an enriching cultural arts experience with captivating activities for the whole family to enjoy. Admission and parking are free.

This signature community event showcases the artwork of 150 artists from across the nation. Artwork is juried and prestigious cash prizes are awarded. Proceeds collected year round from local Patrons of the Arts generate presale coupons used to purchase artwork at the event.

Visitors come to browse and buy the fine art on exhibit while enjoying the cultural and performing arts. Ocean Terrace offers an open-air band shell, activity center, and beach bowl with on-going music, dance, theater, arts and crafts, storytelling, and international cuisine throughout the event for children of all ages.

The Miami Beach Festival of the Arts is produced by the North Beach Development Corporation with support from the City of Miami Beach's Fine Arts Board. For more information, call 305.673.7577 or visit miamibeachfl.gov.

## **MARKYOURCALENDAR**

Planning Board Meeting 77 January 24, 1:30 p.m., Commission Chambers

**ING Miami Marathon** January 28 & 29

Board of Adjustment Meeting (77) February 3, 9:00 a.m., Commission Chambers

G.O Bond Oversight Committee Meeting 77 February 6, 5:30 p.m., Commission Chambers

Design Review Board Meeting 77 February 7, 8:30 a.m., Commission Chambers

Miami Beach Festival of the Arts February 11 & 12

**International Boat Show** February 16 - 20

South Beach Wine & Food Festival February 24 - 26



For more, go to miamibeachfl.gov and click on **calendar.** 



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### **DEPARTMENTSPOTLIGHT**

### **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Community Resource Outreach and Answer Center

CityPage features at least one City of Miami Beach department/division profile a month, highlighting their key duties and how they are making Miami Beach a

The Neighborhood Services Department directs the resources of various divisions to focus on the needs of individual residents and Miami Beach's 13 neighborhoods. The NSD gives residents the tools they need to access local government and voice their concerns; and helps residents identify needs and priorities for their neighborhoods.

The Community Resource Outreach and Answer Center is the one-stop shop for all residents, civic groups and neighborhood associations to exchange information with all City departments. The members of this division address citizens' inquiries and needs through a tracking system and various outreach efforts. This division also facilitates public/private partnerships seeking to resolve neighborhood issues and coordinates informational workshops of a variety of issues affecting residents.

The Miami Beach Answer Center: 305.604.CITY (2489) TTY: 305.673.7218 is the place to begin looking for answers.

# **Explores Peace River**

North Shore Teen Club

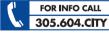


The North Shore Teen Club was rewarded with a field trip for their efforts in organizing last month's North Shore Park's Winter Wonderland event. Twenty-seven members of the Teen Club traveled to Peace River in Arcadia last month for a twoday canoe and camping adventure, sponsored by the City of Miami Beach Parks & Recreation Department. The journey to the wild outdoors was chosen because many of the teens had never experienced such a trip.

The teens spent the night at North Shore Park to prepare themselves for the four-hour bus ride to Arcadia the following morning. Upon arrival at the Canoe Outpost, they were amazed by the sight of deer running across the landscape. They loaded 18 canoes with their camping gear and set off on a 23-mile adventure down Peace River that included alligator and otter sightings. They arrived at their camp site on the riverbank; set up their own tents; and collected firewood for the evening bonfire. They roasted marshmallows and talked into the wee hours of the morning. The following day, the teens broke down the camp site and packed it all into their canoes for the eight-mile trek back to the Canoe Outpost.

The teens forged a lasting relationship with one another, learned the value of teamwork, and gained confidence in their own abilities. It was an experience that the Miami Beach teens and their coaches will never forget.

### IMPORTANT**CONTACTS**



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**Answer Center** 305.604.CITY (2489) Mayor/Commission

Job Hotline 305.673.7777 305.673.7030

**City Manager** 305.673.7010

**Tourism Hotline** Sanitation/Garbage

305 673 7616

Police (Non-Emergency)

Bulky Waste Pickup 305.471.4444

OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE

Fire (Non-Emergency) **Parks & Recreation** 

Water & Sewer (24 hr)

Cultural Affairs Program and the Cultural Arts Council announce

### 2006/2007 Cultural Grants Applications Now Available

Guidelines and applications are available at www.mbculture.org and at the Cultural Affairs Program office, 555 17 Street, courtyard entrance.

Instead of getting in line, you can go online to miamibeachfl.gov for many services available 24 hours a day, such as our "Better Place" system that provides 24-hour customer service access. amodations to review any document or participate in any city-spansored proceeding, please contact 305-604-2489 (voice), or 305-673-7218 (TTY) five days in advance to initiate your request. TTY users may also call 711 (Florida Relay Ser